DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: It is under consideration.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: പതിനെട്ടിൽ ഒരു ഭാഗം ... ...

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Sir, Mr. Joseph Kunju has availed himself of the one chance.

PRESIDENT: Yes. He cannot put further questions.

Right of Church on the coastal villages to the fins of shark.

325. ❋ **MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a right of the church in the coastal village to claim the fins of shark caught by the sea fishermen; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the quantity and value of the fins annually collected by the various churches during the past three years?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Government have no definite information though such allegations have been made.

(*b*) Government have no information.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pathanamthitta*): May I know whether any allegation has been received from Hindu fishermen?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: I claim notice, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether in any event, Government will be pleased to consider this question and come to a decision at an early date?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Yes, Sir. Government will look into the matter with reference to the statements that have been made in this House.

Pullickal Thodu in Mavelikara.

326. ❋ **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken steps in deepening the channel called Pullickal Thodu in the Mavelikara taluk;

(*b*) if so, the amount spent till this time;

(*c*) whether a portion of this channel near Bharanikavu has been covered by earth by some people;

(*d*) whether they have received any representations from the people complaining against such conduct; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Executive Engineer in charge of the duties of the Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A portion of the thodu was once improved. Further improvements have not been taken up as the ryots are unwilling to pay cess.

(*b*) Rs. 3,063-5-12.

(*c*) and (*d*) The channel is silted up but no representation has been received alleging this to have been wilfully done by some people.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*) and (*d*) supra.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether anything was done to remove the silting up of the channel?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is contained in the answer. It was removed at a cost of Rs. 3,000.

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